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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: RECENT EVENTS IN KIGOMA

1. EMBOFF MACDOUGALL, WHO RETURNED FROM KIGOMA JUNE 11, PROVIDES
FOLLOWING RUNDOWN CONTACTS MADE AND ATTEMPTED AT KIGOMA JUNE 4-11:

2. "FIRST POSTMAN/ WAS MAN WHO APPEARED JUNE 4 AT RESIDENCE AMCIT
MISSIONARY MARROW, IN RESPONSE TO INQUIREIES BY EMB OFFICER LUCIUS
MADE EARLIER IN WEEK IN VALLAGES NORTH OF KIGOMA. (FYI ACCORDING
UJJI WHITE FATHER MISSIONARIES, BULK OF CROSS LAKE TRAFFIC TO AREAS
OF ZAIRE DIRECTLY ACROSS LAKE FROM KIGOMA IS FROM VILLAGES TO NORTH.
LAKE TRAFFIC FROM UJJI IS

USUALLY FOR DESTINATIONS FURTHER SOUTH.) HE CLAIMED TO BE ACTING
OUT OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY, AND OFFERED HAVE LETTER AND PACKAGE SENT
TO REBELS ON OTHER SIDE. HOWEVER, HE INSISTED HE WOULD NEED MONEY
PAY FOR SIX BOATMEN, AT LEAST 100 SHILLINGS EACH. IT WAS AGREED HE
WOULD MEET MISSIONARY MEDICAL CLINIC BOAT JUNE 7 IN VALLAGE NORTH
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OF KIGOMA TO RECEIVE MESSAGE AND PACKAGE, AND ADVANCE PAYMENT

300 SHILLINGS WITH REMAINDER PAYABLE ON RECEIPT OF REPLY.
"FIRST POSTMAN" SPEAKS SWAHILI AND A LITTLE FRENCH, APPEARS
GENERALLY KNOWLEDGABLE ABOUT KIDNAPPINGS AND ZAIRIANS, BUT DIS-
PLAYED NO CLEARLY "INSIDE" INFORMATION; HIS PROTESTATIONS THAT
HE SOUGHT NOTHING FOR HIMSELF ALSO SEEMED A BIT DUBIOUS. WHEN
"SECOND POSTMAN" CAME INTO PICTURE, IT WAS DECIDED TO SHELVE
"FIRST POSTMAN" FOR TIME BEING, AND ON JUNE 8 HE WAS GIVEN
MESSAGE (AND 10 SHILLING NOTE FOR FARE) SAYING THAT MESSAGE
HAD BEEN SENT BY ANOTHER ROUTE BUT ASKING HIM TO CALL ON
AMCIT MISSIONARY DOCTOR TODD JUNE 12 FOR AMEBA MEDICINE (WHICH
HE HAD REQUESTED) AND TO DISCUSS ANY POSSIBLE FURTHER NEED FOR
SENDING MESSAGES.

3. "SECOND POSTMAN" (DAR ES SALAAM 1917) CLAIMED TO BE
EMISSARY FROM ZAIRIAN REBEL CAMP, COME TO UJJI TO RECEIVE
MESSAGE TO TAKE BACK. ON JUNE 4, HE HAD HIS BROTHER CONTACT
AFRICAN PENTACOSTAL MINISTER YAKOBO ("PREACHER") WHO IS CONFIDANT
OF AMCIT MISSIONARY MARROW AND HAS BEEN MAKEING
INQUIRIES HIMSELF. ("PREACHER" HAD BEEN SET TO TRAVEL AROUND
LAKE IN SEARCH OF CONTACTS, VIA BUJUMBURA, JUNE 5, BUT WAS
UNABLE OBTAIN ZAIRIAN VISA IN TIME TO CATCH WEEKLY STEAMER.)
ACCORDING TO PREACHER, "SECOND POSTMAN" HAD BEEN LYING LOW IN
UJJI FOR FOUR DAYS, UNABLE TO STEEL HIMSELF TO CONTACT ANYBODY.
PREACHER BELIEVED HIS BONAFIDES, BECAUSE PREACHER KNOWS "SECOND
POSTMAN'S" BROTHER TO BE INVOLVED WITH ZAIRIAN REBELS. HE AGREED
WITH PREACHER TAKE BOTH MESSAGE AND BOX OF MEDICINES, AND
RETURN IN A WEEK, AND SAID HE PLANNED LEAVE UJJI NIGHT OF
JUNE 5 BY MOTORBOAT. HE DID NOT ASK FOR MONEY OR ANY REWARD.
PREACHER CONFIRMED DELIVERY OF MESSAGE AND MEDICINES TO HIM
(DAR ES SALAAM 1930). FOR REASONS UNKNOWN TO US, "SECOND
POSTMAN" MADE CONTACT WITH BRYCESON, WHO ALSO IN KIGOMA AT
THIS TIME, TURNED OVER LETTERS AND MEDICINES, AND, ACCORDING
TO BRYCESON, WENT TO MWANGA. WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM HIM AGAIN.
(DAR ES SALAAM 1952).

4. "THIRD POSTMAN" WAS TURNED UP BY ZAIRIAN CONSUL GENERAL AT
KIGOMA, ILANGWA-E-YOKA, JUNE 8, WHO DESCRIBED HIM AS ZAIRIAN
WHO HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON BY TANGOV, AND WHO OFFERED
CARRY MESSAGE. ZAIRIAN CONGEN HAD TOLD HIM TO CONTACT EMBOFF
IN KIGOMA. "THIRD POSTMAN", HOWEVER, DID NOT TURN UP AND
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ZAIRIAN CONGEN LATER HEARD THAT HE GOT COLD FEET BECAUSE OF
RUMORED 40-MAN "EXPEDITION" INCLUDING AN AMERICAN WHICH
SUPPOSEDLY GOING TO LEAVE KIGOMA (OR UJJI) FOR THE ZAIRIAN
REBEL CAMP THAT SAME NIGHT. HE DID NOT APPEAR THEREAFTER.

5. DURING HIS KIGOMA STAY, MACDOUGALL DISCUSSED SITUATION A
NUMBER OF TIMES WITH ZAIRIAN CONSUL GENERAL. CONGEN MADE QUICK
AIR TRIP TO KALEMIE JUNE 5 (PRESUMABLY IN RESPONSE TO MESSAGE

SENT VIA OUR KIGOMA RADIO -DAR ES SALAAM 1862, KINSHASA 4704.)
HE TOLD MACDOUGALL HE HAD UNSUCCESSFULLY TRIED TO SPEAK BY
TELEPHONE TO MOBUTU FROM KALEMIE, BUT HAD SUBMITTED REPORT
AND BEEN GIVEN ORDERS RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO KIGOMA. HE SAID
HE THOUGHT GOZ SHOULD PERMIT USG TO MAKE, OR AT LEAST PROMISE
SOME CONCESSIONS TO "BANDITS" HOLDING STUDENTS, AND WOULD SO
RECOMMEND TO MOBUTU WHEN HE COULD CONTACT HIM PERSONALLY. IN
SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS CONGEN REITERATED GOZ CONCERN WITH SAFE
RELEASE OF STUDENTS, ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRYING
ASSURE THIS, AND WILLINGNESS COOPERATE TO THAT END. WE HAVE
NOT INFORMED HIM IN SPECIFIC TERMS OF CONTACT EFFORTS, EXCEPT
THAT VARIOUS MEANS OF TRANSMITTING MESSAGES BEING ATTEMPTED.

6. MACDOUGALL WAS REPLACED IN KIGOMA BY VICE CONSUL
MIKE SCENNA WHO WILL DO ONE WEEK TOUR.
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